



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 277

LCO No. 972

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

SEN. CAPPIELLO, 24th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO RESEARCH POSSIBLE FUNDING
STREAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS
WITHOUT MENTAL RETARDATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars be
2 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
3 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of
4 researching possible funding streams for the development and
5 implementation of services for adults with autism spectrum disorders
6 without mental retardation. Allocated funds shall be used by
7 department staff and independent consultants with expertise in
8 Medicaid services and alternative federal and state funding
9 mechanisms to fully research possible funding streams for the benefit
10 of such adults. Such research may include, but not be limited to, the
11 research of a Medicaid state plan amendment, a Section 1915(c) Home
12 and Community Based Waiver, a Section 1115 Research and
13 Demonstration Waiver, a Section 1915(b) Managed Care/Freedom of
14 Choice Waiver, an Innovation and Expansion Grant, Department of

15 Mental Health and Addiction Services funding mechanisms,
16 vocational rehabilitation funding, mental health block grants and any
17 funding sources that would allow the creation and implementation of
18 services for adults with autism spectrum disorders without mental
19 retardation.

Statement of Purpose:

To appropriate two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars to the Department of Social Services for the purposes of researching, identifying and recommending to the legislature, federal and state options as well as funding streams that can be utilized to fund services for adults with autism spectrum disorders without mental retardation.